

had it been disclosed that way, most likely what would have happened, Mike Rozier would have been declared ineligible for the rest of the season or for the remaining games. The University of Nebraska would have had to forfeit all its football games for that year. There would have been no bowl game that year with Miami. The University of Nebraska would have had to pay substantial penalties for loss of the revenue that they would have...that they did obtain by going to the Orange Bowl, and other such revenues.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR McFARLAND: And it would have been a disaster. That problem has not gone away. The history continues to repeat itself. There has been recent disclosure about Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom on an indictment in Chicago for their threats they have made to athletes and inducements they have made to athletes. A man in Atlanta, Jim Abernathy, recently disclosed, just before the bowl games this year, that he had signed a bunch of athletes. I think there were about four or five of them who were declared ineligible for the bowl games. This bill has the support of the University of Nebraska and I think maybe all of you have received a letter from Coach Osborne. It's something that he has been interested in. It is a bill that is modeled after legislation passed in Texas and Oklahoma. Such legislation has been passed in several states, California, Texas, Oklahoma, Alabama, Louisiana, and it may have been passed in Michigan and Ohio. I think it would be entirely appropriate to have it passed here in Nebraska. I think it would deter agents from taking advantage of Nebraska athletes, deter the exploitation that goes on and the unfairness, and, furthermore...

PRESIDENT: Time.

SENATOR McFARLAND: ...protect the integrity and protect the process of college athletics. And I hope that you would...and urge that you would support this motion to bring it to the floor. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please, then Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I know this is not one of those burning issues that has the